

the Western N.C. R.R. train (the only one)
at the above house of 5 A.M.! With
the young ladies consider that a "nice
rough time"? Or we could go on to Char-
lotte & from there to Lincolnton via Curdsville
Centers. Either would be pretty hard unless we
spent a day at Salisbury or Charlotte.
What do you say as to the time of
leaving this part of the country?

Mrs. Cauley leaves here tomorrow
week. I expect to take her out and to
get back Saturday. She will stay two
nights, at least in Ohio.

Very sincerely,
Wm. M. Cauley

I send Aunt Pond Mr. Cucular

Washington May 21st 1847

Dear Dr. Gray

I have your card and
Mr. Watson's note in relation to the Pal-
mer's Pary Mexican coll., and as I have
some other matters to communicate will
answer both in this.

First in regard to the Mexican
Collection. I have not looked through since
yet, but getting some names for the first
hundred numbers and for the Cactaceae,
the Coniferae, and, from Redfield, for the
ferns, I have gone over that many. I
find that of the first hundred numbers
I am missing entirely fourteen; of the
Cactaceae about 40 per cent; of the Coniferae
about 25 per cent; and of the ferns about 4
per cent. Besides there are very many with
but single specimens. If those I have
seen are any criterion of the whole I

do not mean that I have duplicates
of more than 20 percent of the whole
collection. But it is possible that other
parts of the collection may be fuller.
Although when I agreed to join Pary
\$200. it was with the full understanding
that I was to have one fifth of the whole
number of specimens (which I can hardly
believe I have got) I do not wish to
complain. But I do want to show you
that I could not retain a reasonably
full set myself and make up a really
decently full set for any one else. I am
very willing to part with what I can
spare but under the circumstances, do
not care to sell them. If Dr. Maximow-
wicz has any Japanese specimens ^{to spare}, I
would much prefer exchanging with
him. I should say that my sets are
not separated - all the specimens of a
kind being placed together.

As a commentary to the above I see

also Macquard's note; + Redfield
says - after accusing Pary in respect to the
Cactaceae etc. on account of the difficulty of pre-
serving specimens - "But I must confess
that the reaccumulation of the floss gave
me some dissatisfaction. For I had repeatedly
stated my desire for a full representation
in that order. x x x I find in my collect-
ions 24 species under 29 numbers, and 14
more numbers not represented at all," etc

Now I specially desire to have no
controversy with Pary and therefore
request this to be confidential - and
so I am done with it.

Today I had the great gratification
to get two good specimens of *Stictis* - of course
from Wyanus. If it comes in no other way
I desire one for the Thiba Acad.

I enclose you Redfield's letter of May
2^d one from Mr. Milnes, and some Bot.
Schedules. You will see that we should arrive
at Salisbury at 10.47 P.M. in order to take